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Applicant			
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- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

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6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The invention concerns a method for preparing foam from a milk-based alimentary liquid, including the successive steps of: a) placing a quantity of alimentary liquid in a container associated with stirring members;
b) heating said quantity of alimentary liquid to bring it in proximity to a first desired temperature level while mechanically stirring it at a first stirring speed, lower than the foam creating speed, and c) stirring said quantity of liquid at a second stirring speed, sufficient to make said liquid foam.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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